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Attorney Docket No. P21432

In re application of : Alain GANTIER

Serial No. : 09/937,016

Group Art Unit: 3728

Filed : January 22, 2001

Examiner: Jila Mohandesi

For : MOVABLE COVER FOR RIGIDIFYING AND/OR PROTECTING THE FRONT FACE  
OF AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR, SUCH AS A SNOWBOARD BOOT

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\_\_\_ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

\_\_\_ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

\_\_\_ A Request for Extension of Time.

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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 22, 2003**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated July 22, 2003, please enter the following amendment.

For reasons explained in the "Remarks" section, beginning on page 11, below, Applicant requests entry of the amendment as well as reconsideration of the rejections, and the allowance of the instant application.

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